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O'Gorman goes GAFE as teachers, students embrace Google tech

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This year, O'Gorman High School has “gone Google” by way of Google Apps for Education.

“Google Apps for Education allows us as a school to access the suite of apps to Google and allows us to have unlimited storage in a cloud based platform,” said Mr. Kyle Groos.

Students and teachers can have access to all of their different classes in one place, and the school has endless data storage.

The students seem to appreciate GAFE.

“GAFE does make it easier for me to find my homework if I was sick. Plus, I can use the calendar to check for any special events coming up,” said freshman Elana Yellowbird. “I use GAFE basically every school night unless I don't have any homework. All of my teachers I have this year use Google Classroom which is very nice.”

Mr. Groos said that more than 50% of the O'Gorman staff uses Google Classroom. He also said that by next year they will have more teachers join GAFE because they will see how easy it is to communicate with the students.

The apps that are in the suite include Google Classroom which helps students communicate with the teachers. Students can get assignments from Google Drive which helps students share assignments with their teachers or fellow students.

Gmail, which is a Google owned email service, helps students communicate with teachers. Finally, staff and students can access Google Docs, Sheets and Slides, which are productivity apps that help create different online documents.

Students can access all of the apps from any device whether it is a computer, tablet or smart phone. Using all of these apps makes for easy collaboration. Students and staff can create, share and edit their documents.

Google Apps for Education has 24/7 support and never has any ads.

“I honestly think it is a more organized, convenient and advanced tool for us to use for class,” said freshman Jade Hansen. “It makes life a lot easier for the student since it's all in one place.”

In 2013 Google reported that more than 25 million students were using Google Apps for Education.



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IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME. O'Gorman students traveled to Greece this summer as part of a study abroad opportunity. The students spent nearly two weeks traveling through Greece and Turkey.

City sees busy summer for crime; traffic safety concerns students

Ethan French
Staff Writer

Sioux Falls has seen an increase in crime the last decade, from felonies to simple traffic violations.

There are more traffic issues and non-violent problems such as neighbor disputes and loud parties than there are major crimes such as felonies, according to School Resource Officer Todd Runyan.

Runyan is a police officer in the city of Sioux Falls, and he has been on the force for 18 years. In his experience, Runyan considers himself happy to be in this city because it is ideal for a family.

Motor vehicle accidents have affected several O'Gorman students in recent months.

Senior Charley Illg knows firsthand the dangers of motor vehicles. “When I was blindsided by a driver from Iowa, I was slightly traumatized and my car

had been totalled,” said Illg. “It completely changed my habits as a driver.”

Law enforcement is continuing to crack down on drunk driving and other violations to traffic laws.

Major crimes such as homicides and aggravated assaults have risen, but they are still not common enough to consider Sioux Falls an unsafe place, according to law enforcement officials.

School welcomes many new faces as faculty, support staff begin year

Taylor Houston
Staff Writer

O'Gorman High School welcomes several new staff members this year. Among them are Ms. Lindsey Babekuhl, Mr. Jordan Huska, and Ms. Michelle Hockersmith.

Anyone that has been to the office has met Ms. Lindsey Babekuhl, the new administrative assistant. She is a 2004 O'Gorman graduate. She worked in Marv's Body Shop for some time, but when she saw this job opening she knew it was perfect for her.

Babekuhl enjoys the friendly environment. “It helps that most of the

teachers here are ones that I previously had,” said Babekuhl. “I really love the overall environment. It's something you can't find anywhere else.”

Mr. Jordan Huska is the new computer science teacher. He came from Dell Rapids.

Huska got this job straight out of college and to him it was the top option. For this school year, he really hopes to make a good impression and have a great year, making new connections with everyone.

“I especially love that I don't have to separate my faith from the job,” said Huska. “I am definitely glad I came here.”

Ms. Michelle Hockersmith is a teacher in the academic service center. Before coming to O'Gorman she was an art teacher for six years and the head volleyball coach for eight years at Totino-Grace, Minn. She will also be helping with the powerlifting program this year.

“I am so pumped to meet new faces, and I'm excited for the season to start,” said Hockersmith. “All the teachers and students have been so friendly here and I feel like the administration truly cares.”

Please see pages two and three for other new staff members.

McQuade finalist for South Dakota in Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Shreya Chandran
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The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are a distinguished honor awarded to teachers nominated for their contributions to the classroom.

One of the nominees named by President Obama was math teacher Mrs. Sheila McQuade.

“Our faculty goes above and beyond, so it is always nice when they are recognized for their hardwork and dedication,” said Assistant Principal Mrs. Joan Mahoney.

McQuade was selected as a state finalist for South Dakota for the PAEMST. While the award itself will most likely not be given until next spring or summer, to be a finalist is not easy. Only five

teachers from each state can be nominated.

When the nominees win the award, they receive a certificate signed by the president, a paid trip for two to Washington D.C. and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

“Mrs. McQuade is a great teacher because she really cares about her students,” said sophomore Mattie Schreck.

McQuade was notified in an email from the state coordinator, but the announcement still came as a surprise.

“I was nominated last fall and completed the application process in May. I did not expect it,” said McQuade.

Each of the state finalists will be recognized at the state math teachers conference (SDCTM/SDSTA) in February 2016. They will receive a plaque and a certificate.



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Damaged crucifixes replaced in gym with new laser-engraved crosses

Grace Wallin
Staff Writer

This year new laser etched crosses replaced the old crucifixes on the walls of the main and rec-center gyms.

New crosses were needed after the previous crucifixes were becoming damaged and falling into a state of disrepair. O'Gorman chaplain Fr. Shaun Haggerty contacted the manager of the family owned religious goods store Hurley's to see if repairs could be made or if new crosses could be ordered.

The store offered to personally make two laser-etched crosses for O'Gorman at a discounted rate. Laser-etched crosses would be a practical way to keep a crucifix in the gyms but also protect them from harm.

The crosses are a reminder to all students that faith is an integral part of O'Gorman life.

"Everything we do is centered on Christ, so we should approach athletics through that Catholic lens," said Haggerty. "The most important thing is not to win the game but to have our faith show through in what we do."

The crosses were blessed before the first sporting event held in the gym, a volleyball match. The senior volleyball girls held one of the crucifixes while Fr. Haggerty blessed it.

"It was a great way to start our season," said senior volleyball player Emily Kolbeck. "We were excited that we got to demonstrate how our school is unique and how our faith shapes who we are."

Theology department welcomes two faculty members to team

Kelsey Butler
Staff Writer

Jeffrey Baustian, after discerning his vocation into the priesthood at the University of St. Thomas, joins the faculty as the new Modern Saints and Marriage and other Vocations teacher.

Baustian is a 2006 Dell Rapids St. Mary alum who received his B.S. degree, majoring in Agronomy from South Dakota State University (SDSU) in 2011. Baustian, states he has to "get used to such a big school" because he came from such a small school.

Fr. Haggerty was the one who mentioned the position to him. He was very interested and "was able to apply before they made a decision."

Baustian said that what he enjoys most about teaching theology is "when people get excited about talking about God." He has a deep passion for theology.

"I love God, so why wouldn't I want to share it with others?" said Baustian. He has even been a part of other youth programs at St. Katharine Drexel here in Sioux Falls.

After having a job where he felt unfulfilled after college, Baustian decided the seminary might be his calling. He was seeking something more and was able to find God through the seminary.



Jeffrey Baustian

Outside of teaching, he enjoys playing his guitar, singing, playing golf and taking part in the theater.

Debbie Schulte, a 2010 graduate from O'Gorman High School, has come back to be a part of the faculty and teach Discipleship and Morality and Justice.

In 2014 she received her B.A. in mathematics, physics and minored in theology at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.

Before coming back to O'Gorman, Schulte originally taught at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kansas in the spring of 2015, and St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park, Kansas. There, she was teaching mathematics and physics. She also ran a learning lab to help students with academic support and provided credit recovery classes.

She says she decided



Debbie Schulte

to begin teaching theology classes because "theology is something that affects all of our lives."

"I really enjoyed my time at O'Gorman and so I wanted to come back," said Schulte.

"Everyone here has been very welcoming and accepting."

Schulte had even thought about coming to teach at O'Gorman as a student because she loves Sioux Falls and wanted to teach at a Catholic school.

Schulte enjoys teaching alongside her former teachers. "It's a very interesting dynamic. I know them and they know me so we can help each other out."

She also occasionally helps out with the St. Michael's youth programs.

Outside of teaching her theology classes, Schulte likes to play the piano and go hiking.

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O’Gorman alumna returns as new show choir director

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Editor-in-Chief

The new show choir director is a familiar face. A 2011 O’Gorman graduate, Ms. Brittany Dardis has returned to be a part of show choir once more.

She attended Augustana College and received her bachelor’s degree in business management with a minor in music.

While at Augustana, she participated in choir, student government and student entertainment. She was able to travel with the Augustana Choir and perform in several European countries, which remains one of her favorite memories.

Music has always been Dardis’ passion.

“I have always known that I want a career related to music. When I learned of the show choir director position, I began to reminisce on my time at O’G. I remembered how much fun I had participating in show choir as well as other activities. O’G was literally my home away from home,” said Dardis.

But though she had such fond memories of O’Gorman, she did not intend on returning to O’Gorman for show choir.

“After graduating from college I had originally planned on starting a career in business. God definitely threw me a curveball when I was presented with the director opportunity,” said Dardis.

But in the end, she found herself comfortable with the decision she made.

“After many prayers, I knew that returning to O’G was the path that He wanted me to take.”

Her decision to rejoin O’Gorman as the show choir director has added a new perspective to an already reputable program.

“Ms. Dardis gives a fresh take to our classic program,” said senior Claire Berman.

As a student at O’Gorman High School, Dardis participated in show choir and really enjoyed it.

“While I was a show choir member, my favorite part about participating was performing

at competitions. It’s exhilarating when all of the group’s hard work comes together in a performance. Now, from a director’s standpoint, my favorite part is seeing friendships develop and strengthen between show choir teammates - we really do become a family,” said Dardis.

Dardis has been a welcome addition to that show choir family.

“Ms. Dardis is a passionate teacher who works with her students in order to fulfill long term goals,” said senior Anna Picasso.

Dardis is in charge of both show choirs as well as the junior high choir. These duties mean she is always busy with at least one of the choirs.

“As show choir director, I am responsible for choosing the music and costumes for the show, arranging competitions and retreats, managing the show choir budget, communicating information to both students and parents, other administrative tasks, and of course, directing the show choirs in rehearsals,” said Dardis,



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Brittany Dardis is the new show choir director. Dardis graduated from O’Gorman in 2011 and graduated in May from Augustana College.

when asked about those specific commitments.

Despite all the work, Dardis is happy working with show choir.

“I like being a part of show choir because of the community atmosphere that develops within the group. Team members spend countless hours together working towards the same goal. Everyone is there to lift each other

up, sometimes literally, in order to succeed.”

Dardis is excited to work with show choir and be apart of O’Gorman once more.

“I am grateful for this opportunity to return to O’G and to give back to the community that made my high school career so memorable!”

Miles wins national championship; speech teams do well at nationals

Carter Edman
Staff Writer

Students from O’Gorman’s oral interpretation and debate teams competed in nationals over last summer and had great results. Interp had a national champion in Sean Miles and debate was able to qualify seven people for nationals. That makes last year an all time high for O’Gorman debate.

Graduates Brett Duffek, Daniel Waddel, Andrew Mohama, Liesel Julsrud and Jonah Dally all qualified for last year’s nationals. “We had an outstanding senior class and while most of them were involved in a lot of school activities, debate was their first love and it showed in our success all last year,” said Mr. Bob Stevens, debate coach.

Debate competed very well with schools from all around the nation. The debate team graduated a large group of senior debaters that spent long hours working hard to achieve their debate goals.

The oral interp team also had a strong run at nationals in June. They qualified nine people for Dallas who competed with high school students from all around the country. They

worked hard on memorizing and perfecting their pieces for nationals.

The oral interp team graduated a strong group of seniors in which Ms. Teresa Fester has coached throughout high school. Oral interp also had national champion last year in the storytelling category with Sean Miles.

“It’s an honor,” said Miles. “I still can’t believe it but to even compete at nationals was insane.”

O’Gorman had a total of three individuals qualify for storytelling finals. Christian Heisler and Sam Maxwell placed seventh in the nation in duo interp.

Stevens is excited for the 2016 debate team. “I’m looking forward to another good year. We have two of the national qualifiers, Alex King and Zach Shaw, back so we can build on their experience and leadership,” said Stevens.

The debate team is also flashing a lot of young talent this year. “Our younger debaters are very talented but don’t have a lot of varsity experience so we might struggle a bit at the start of the season,” said Stevens.



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Sean Miles and Ms. Teresa Fester pose for a picture after Miles wins the national championship in Storytelling.

Robin Hood set to dazzle as fall show in full swing

Ethan French
Joe Angerhofer

Preparations are underway for this year’s fall show, *Robin Hood*.

The show will be a reenactment of the classic story of Robin Hood, a man who steals from government officials who overtax to gain their wealth.

The show, a comedy, will be held Oct. 8-10 in the Lorang Theatre.

Some of the main roles will be played by seniors Sean Miles, Kelly Maxwell, Anthony Nelson and Megan Kueter. Miles will take on the lead as Robin Hood. Maid Marian, his love, will be played by Megan Kueter.

The main antagonists of the show are Anthony Nelson as Prince John and Kelly Maxwell playing Sheriff of Nottingham.

The cast puts in countless hours of practice and rehearsals to fine tune the show. Mondays through Fridays, they usually have times reserved to run through blocking, the practice of learning the precise movements of actors and actresses on stage.

They plan on being done with the final touches to the play for the last dress rehearsal on October 4.

Lady Knights dominate competition

Connor Bell
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With a loss in the state championship last year, the Lady Knights are eager to reclaim the title of state champions.

With an 8-0 start and only two draws, they are making their way back to the state championship.

With the leadership of seniors Molly Doetzel, Alyssa Weidler and Kylee Abraham, the team hopes to be heading toward another state championship. Team unity has not fractured with the loss of some of the seniors from last year.

"We need to stay connected and play as a team. If we play for ourselves, we won't win the game," said Weidler.

With the team hoping to go to the state championship they are trying not to make the same mis-

takes as last year. Underclassmen have stepped up into key roles to help the team.

The Lady Knights are trying to improve from last year's championship defeat to Lincoln.

"Working as a team and staying positive will get us to state," said Abraham. With the Lady Knights trying to keep the winning streak alive they have not become over confident with their undefeated record.

"We need to play our best every game, otherwise we won't end the season like we want to," said Weidler.

While the Lady Knights are improving on not only the fundamentals of the game they are also making sure that they stick together as a team.

The Lady Knights are dialing in the details and are focusing on one game at a time.



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Junior Theresa Pujado drives the ball against her opponent. The Lady Knights started the season 8-0-2.

Knights hope to find stride in final steps toward state

Connor Bell
Assistant Editor

Coming off of last year's defeat in the playoffs, the Knights are eager to redeem themselves from last year and make it all the way to the state championship.

The loss of some seniors and key players last year has not discouraged new players to step up to the challenge.

Seniors Cedric Kirschman, Nathan Osterquist, Parker Smith, Nathan Kramer and Evan Howe have all stepped up to fulfill key leadership positions on the team.

At press time, the Knights currently hold a 4-4 record with two draws.

"A lot of underclassmen have stepped up and the team has really gelled together really well and bounced back after losing a lot of seniors, said senior forward Kirschman. "I'm impressed."

As important as the fundamentals are, team unity is also a large aspect of this year's team.

"The boys and I play as a team and are determined to have a successful season," said Kirschman.

The Knights have notched key wins against Aberdeen Central, Brandon Valley and Sioux Falls Washington. They also crushed Sturgis Brown 10-0.

Aberdeen Central's only loss of the season comes at the hands of the Knights.

While the absence of some seniors from last year has left gaps the underclassmen were eager to fill those gaps and help the team out as a whole unit in the pursuit of a state champions.

The team is eager to finish what they started last year with a loss to Lincoln in the playoffs. With the team well into the regular season they are starting to fine tune the details and come together as a team to win games and make it to the state tournament.

Golfers look to nab state title

Ethan French
Joe Angerhofer

A new era has begun for boys golf at O'Gorman. After winning five championships as head coach, Rod Garrison proved to be a top-notch coach with big shoes to fill. With his retirement, Tom Jansa has the responsibility of filling these shoes.

"Everyone has their own path in life, and GreatLIFE was his," said O'Gorman golfer Noah Bell said of Garrison.

Jansa said that he is honored with the opportunity to try to live up to the legacy of winning that Mr. Garrison molded.

Although Jansa has no high school coaching experience, he is a PGA Professional and he played on the O'Gorman High School team in 1980. He does have some teaching experience from the First Tee developmental program.

With Jansa taking over there will be some changes. This year's golf team is a very close knit group of golfers that are creating a very tight competition for spots in the various golf meets.

In previous years there have been

about four golfers that are particularly better and earn spots in upcoming meets; however this year there are over six golfers fighting for a spot week to week.

This dilemma, while maybe not the toughest of problems, makes Jansa's decision making process harder to decipher. Jansa bases his decisions for future meets on the play of each golfer from the previous meet and by their play throughout practice.

Although the team has high expectations, Lincoln has no intention of letting O'Gorman take the title without heavy confrontation.

The varsity team had no members leave the program. They have had multiple golfers finish in the top ten. This allows them to win tournaments and find success as a team.

The early success in the season has been shown by the team's four wins in its first four meets.

They hope to continue their great play into state, which will be held at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Rapid City.



KNIGHT LEGEND

Senior Tony Hayes lines up a putt. The golf team will compete at state Oct. 5-6 in Rapid City.

Athletes stress sportsmanship in light of recent national events

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Staff Writer

Sportsmanship, to most athletes is second nature, but with the video of the two Texas football players brutally tackling the referee going viral, athletes realize they must hold themselves to the same standards of sportsmanship as they have in the past.

"Through the years of play-

ing football for O'Gorman I have noticed that trash talking between teams has become more common," says Knights football player Billy Daniel.

Daniel believes that this happens because older athletes get more physical and personal as football becomes more intense.

"As a varsity athlete you not only compete for yourself but for your school as well and that pride

can lead to lots of emotions on the field," said Daniel.

The physiological aspect of a sport can be the advantage that tips the scale for the winning team. Using trash talk in a game is a strategy that most people believe is something that is fair because both teams have the ability to use it.

The deterioration of sportsmanship does not hold true for

every sport though.

"Trash talk really isn't something I've had to worry about in my time playing baseball," said Knights baseball player Jack Baker. "I just go out, do my thing and go back to the dugout. No words necessary," said Baker.

Although trash talking to some people seems like a fair advantage, others see absolutely no use for it.

"Trash talking is just rude, plain and simple," says Knights basketball player Jimmy Burma. Burma believes that there is no room for that kind of play.

"It's just a better idea to focus on my play rather than my talk," said Burma. He also said that it's not worth the risk of having the referee call him out on it, and potentially getting kicked out of the game.

Runners look to seniors for leadership as state nears

Connor Bell
Assistant Editor

The Knights are busy working their way toward a strong finish as the cross country season enters its final stretch.

Abby Ripperda placed second and Olivia Althoff placed fifth at the Mac Butler Invite.

Hank Freeze and Ethan Crouch placed second and third for junior varsity at the Mac Butler Invite.

The cross country team relies on senior leadership this year with Tiegen Lindner, Ryan Westendorf, Michael Leon, Eric Kangas and Crouch for the boys team. Seniors Lauren Ermer and Regina Fischer lead the way for the girls.

“The team is really coming together as a whole,” said Tiegen Lindner. “We have a lot of underclassman stepping up in a big way.”

Knights drop Dakota Bowl, upend Lynx

Nicolette Boyum
Rebecca Clark

As the first half of the 2015 O’Gorman football season comes to a close, players and coaches are looking forward to ending the season strong. After a Dakota Bowl loss, the Knights bounced back with a strong win over Brandon Valley 28-14.

“We are trying to get to the championship. We’ve been there more than any school in the state,” said head coach Steve Kueter. “We’ve certainly been to the semifinals more than any school in the state, so we are striding to get back there.”

For the past two years, the Knights were knocked out of the semifinals by Sioux Falls Lincoln and it has been ten years since O’Gorman won a state championship. The last time the Knights made it to a championship game was in 2006 but were beaten by Sioux Falls Roosevelt 28-21.

While they may have a strong senior presence on the field, their offensive and defensive line lack

experience. Their line is made up of mostly upperclassmen but is substantially smaller compared to past years.

“We have a weak link in the defensive and offensive line, but we’re doing our best to improve,” said Kueter.

O’Gorman has talented seniors such as Luke Fritsch, Jack Peery and Jimmy Pio but are missing a key factor to their senior roster - Boston Bauer. He has been on injury reserve the first half of the season. Kueter is hoping Bauer will be back in time for the playoffs.

After the first three games, quarterback Luke Fritsch has eleven touchdowns and almost 1,000 passing and rushing yards. Fritsch is already halfway to his total touchdowns from last year.

“I think this is going to be a good season,” said Kueter, “This is a really good group of seniors. I think that they worked very hard in the summer and the offseason to get ready, so I’d love for this to be a good season.”



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Senior quarterback Luke Fritsch runs in for a touchdown against Rapid City Central. The Knights won 64-20 behind Fritsch’s efforts.

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Students adjust health habits as school starts

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Assistant Editor

As the school year picks up, students and faculty alike find themselves falling back into their basic school habits. Aside from schoolwork and extracurricular activities, O’Gorman students adopt altered health routines to fit a busier schedule.

However, these changes can come at a cost. Athletic trainer, Mrs. Rochelle Lauret notes that students tend to neglect quality sleep.

“Just the nature of being in school, and trying to do so much in a day plus the overuse of cell-phones inhibits sleep,” said Lauret. “Students and adults are on the go too much and don’t allow for enough quiet.” These two areas of health - technology use and sleep - are where students suffer the most.

In a survey conducted among 200 O’Gorman students, 34.9% of students reported to spending 3-4 hours using technology every day, and 23.1% reported to five or more hours of technology use. In-

creased use of technology limits amount of physical activity, and can also have a negative effect on sleeping habits.

“Most individuals sleep with [their cell phone] right next to them so every time a text or email comes in, it disturbs the sleep patterns” said Lauret. Sleep plays an important role in the lives of students and many seem not to get enough.

In the same survey, 53.4% of students reported sleeping the recommended 6-8 hours each night. However, 33.5% of students reported getting only 4-6 hours, meaning a third of O’Gorman students lack necessary sleep.

Sophomore Carli Tomac falls into this category of sleepy students. When asked how her health routine changes with the start of the school year, she joked “More coffee and less sleep.”

Senior Sean Miles recognized a different change in his health routine during the school year. Rather than lack of sleep, Miles named his biggest source of change as increased food con-

sumption. “I eat until I’m completely full,” said Miles. “And then I eat some more.”

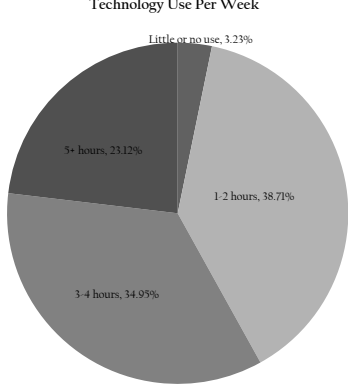
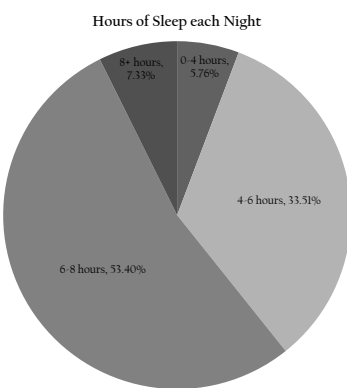
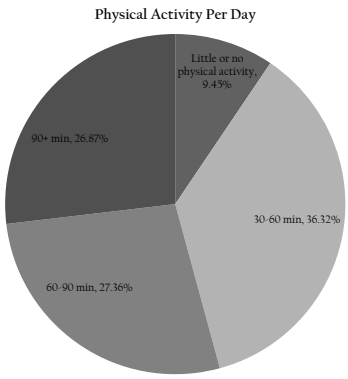
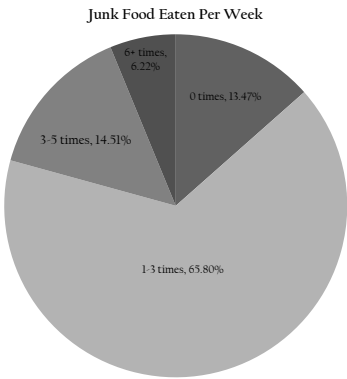
With less time and tighter schedules, it’s easy to see how sleep and eating habits can falter. These minor changes can have large impacts on the overall health of students.

Easy changes can be implemented to help students maintain a balance. Time management is one way for students to regulate their schedules.

“Make sure you know what is coming and what your schedule looks like so you are not bogged down all of a sudden with homework and studying for a test until 2:00 in the morning,” said Lauret.

Another less appealing change is cutting down on ‘important’ technology. “Sadly, when school starts, I cut off Netflix,” said Tomac.

These changes can help the majority of O’Gorman students return to their healthy lifestyles, even if it means giving up five hour marathons of *The Walking Dead* on Netflix.



Mockingbird fans beware: new Harper Lee novel falls short of classic work

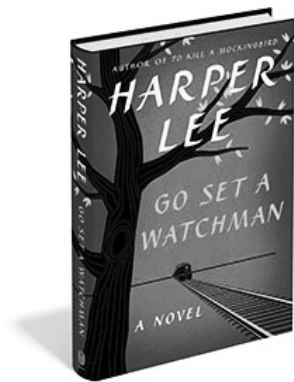
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Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee is a hot mess of a book. And, it should be - seeing as it is the first draft of the classic novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Yet, the jumbled, disorder of words is oddly what makes the book work.

Fans of the first book expected a fun-loving story about Scout Finch, the main character, living out her 20s in the whimsical city of New York but instead, they were hit full-throttle with the raw, realistic history of 1960s white America.

Many weren’t able to handle the complexity of *Go Set a Watchman* considering *To Kill a Mockingbird* displayed a white liberal fantasy that was far from what really occurred during its time. While fans reeled from the new story, many critics flocked to it.

Some argue the quick change in Atticus Finch’s character, Scout Finch’s father, from a white, black-rights activist to a white supremacist fighting on the wrong side of segregation was bad writing but the risk was well taken.



Lee’s second book was the fastest selling novel to ever come out of HarperCollins Publishers and sold over one million copies in the first week of sales.

This all comes at a time when racial tensions are at their highest in the United States since the Civil Rights Movement.

The publishers of this book, HarperCollins, were strategic in their choice of when to release it. They also published it as talk of Harper Lee’s declining health started up in the press once again.

Go Set a Watchman may have faced harsh criticism but will, no doubt, in the future, be added to the list of classic novels much like its successor, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

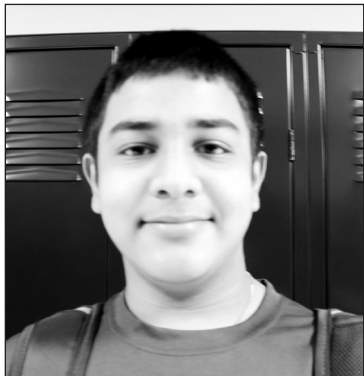
Congratulations 2015 Homecoming Royalty

Left to Right: Emmy Bear, Rachael Edwards, Sidney Faber, Kelly Maxwell, Olivia McDowell



Left to Right: Lucas Anderson, Eric Kangas, Michael Leon, Ambrose Lokolong, Sean Miles

What teacher did you miss most and why?



“...I’m a freshman.”
- Michael Roberts



“Mr. Lorang because he’s hilarious.”
- Lizzie Soukup



“Ms. Shields because I know Justin Boone.”
- Noah Erickson



“Ms. Schnell because she talks about her cats.”
- Jenae Porter



“Mr. Siska because we talk about art and food and stuff.”
- Mr. Frankman

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Successfully integrating GAFE will require new policy changes

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It seems that the days of archaic Wikispaces and less than user-friendly SFCS teacher webpages are finally over. But just how smoothly will teachers and students transition into a GAFE (Google Apps for Education) school?

When it comes to educational technology solutions, Google Classroom is certainly the best on the market. From kindergartners to graduate students, more than 25 million students worldwide use Google Apps for Education. Entire states, such as Oregon, Wisconsin, Colorado and Iowa have implemented the GAFE program into public schools. Even the entire country of Malaysia has “gone Google.”

Perhaps the most appealing aspect of GAFE is the cost efficiency. Oregon, the first state to offer GAFE in all public schools K-12, saved over \$1.5 million per year on IT financial burdens that accompanied installations, fees, updates, and so forth. That’s a pretty good bargain for an all-inclusive platform utilizing “Web-based email, calendar and documents for collaborative study anytime, anywhere.”

Fiscal benefits aside, Google Classroom is an incredibly user-friendly application. It provides easy access to all enrolled classes in one simple format. Students can track assignments, due-dates, and even virtually ‘turn-in’ homework. With all its perks, GAFE does have its downfalls.

Most SFCS faculty have per-



fectured their curricula to suit each class. Now with the era of GAFE, many teachers feel the pressure to somehow assimilate Google Classroom into their teacher webpages.

This can lead to many mishaps such as phantom assignments or duplicate google docs, as most teachers aren’t completely trained in the art of Google Classroom. Others stubbornly cling to their Wikispaces hoping they will remain relevant to this new technology system. This may lead to overall confusion and disfunction between staff and students.

As O’Gorman faculty rush to integrate Google Classroom into their already well established curricula, students are also struggling to adjust to the virtual-barrage of changes. With most assignments now only accesible via internet, where are students supposed to rely on steady internet access?

Lately, it seems the library and computer labs are constantly closed off to students needing access to their classroom pages. Without a tablet or sneakily hidden smartphone, most students are out of luck.

The answer is simple. If we as a student body are expected to transition into a virtual classroom, administration and policy should be expected to adjust as well.

Students are still not entirely allowed to bring personal laptops to school and are reprimanded for accessing the ‘private’ school wi-fi. If a more lenient library policy was adopted, students could quickly access their classroom pages and continue on with their day.

Along with this, access to personal laptops during study halls would mean online assignments could get done sooner rather than later. Small adjustments to school policy and the wi-fi system can allow O’Gorman to have its GAFE cake and eat it too.

In terms of faculty adjustment, the issue will just have to be something both students and teachers have the patience to handle. Similar to Wikispaces, each teacher will have to develop a virtual classroom hand-tailored to their specific curricula, which can take time. In the long run, GAFE will be a better fit for teachers than the variety of platforms used before.

Although far from perfection, the GAFE system can potentially change O’Gorman academics for the better. It can help teachers save time and paper during grading and even familiarize students with similar technology they may face during future employment. Hopefully, administration will recognize that an online classroom system means consistent online access.



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